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10522; (D) BOGOTA 11637; (E) LIMA 9546; (F) STATE 263738

1. THE ITINERARY FOR ALPHA HELIX AMAZON EXPEDITION DESCRIBED REFTEL (A) HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO ADJUST FOR INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENTS AND NATIONAL HOLIDAYS. NEW ITINERARY IS BEING FORWARDED VIA AIRGRAM AND HOPEFULLY WILL NOT POSE INCONVENIENCE TO EMBASSIES AND FOREIGN GOVTS. THE PARTY WILL CONSIST OF TWO GROUPS. ONE GROUP WILL BE IN RIO 18-19, TRANSIT TO BRASILIA 20 JAN, AND CONDUCT MEETINGS THERE 21 JAN. THE SECOND GROUP'S
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ITINERARY FOLLOWS: BOGOTA 15-19 JAN; LETICIA 19-21 JAN;

22-24 JAN (UNSCHEDULED). REFTELS (B), (C), (D) AND (E)
RAISED QUESTIONS WHICH WILL BE ADDRESSED IN FOLLOWING
PARAGRAPHS.

2. BRAZIL:

A. EXPEDITION PLEASED WITH SELECTION OF DR. STEVEN KERR
AS COORDINATOR OF SUBJECT VISIT. SCRIPPS INSTITUTION
OF OCEANOGRAPHY (SIO) IS RELYING ON DR. ROBERT
GOECKERMANN TO PLAN MEETING SCHEDULE.

B. SAO PAULO ELIMINATED FROM ITINERARY.

C. HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR NEEL AND RANDALL WILL BE MADE
BY TRAVEL AGENCY SIO. IF EMBASSY CAN MAKE RESERVATIONS
FOR NEEL, RANDALL AND KERR AT CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MEETING
PLACES SIO WILL CANCEL TRAVEL AGENCY RESERVATIONS.
BENEFICIAL TO ALL TO BE AT SAME HOTEL. PLEASE ADVISE.

D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BEING FORWARDED VIA
AIRGRAM. CURRICULUM VITAE OF BRAZILIAN PARTICIPANTS
WILL NOT BE FORWARDED AND VITAE OF SEVERAL FOREIGN
SCIENTISTS STILL NOT RECEIVED BY DEPT BUT WILL BE FOR-
WARDED WHEN AVAILABLE.

E. PLEASE INCLUDE PATRICIA NEEL (WIFE OF DR. NEEL) TO
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOR PHASE II. SHE IS EMPLOYED BY
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AS A SCIENTIFIC TECHNICIAN.

F. DR. NEEL WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES
FROM FUNAI AND BRAZILIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. IF FUNAI
NOT SAME AS MINISTRY OF HEALTH, HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET
WITH BOTH AS HE WILL BE WORKING WITH NATIVE TRIBES.

3. BOGOTA:

A. APPRECIATE EFFORTS IN ARRANGING MEETINGS. SIO WILL
FURNISH TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR LETICIA TRIP.

B. SIO HAS GOC REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPEDITION.
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C. AS REQUESTED ITINERARY HAS BEEN SHIFTED TO LATER
DATES.

4. LIMA:

A. BUDGET RESTRICTS SIO FROM HIRING INTERPRETER. RE-
QUEST TRANSMIT THIS INFO TO THOSE PARTICIPATING IN

MEETING.

B. NOTE ITINERARY CHANGE. PARTY WILL CONTACT DAVID GREENLEE TO DISCUSS MEETING SCHEDULES UPON ARRIVAL MANAUS.

5. CARACAS:

A. REFTEL (F) STATED RESEARCH WAS NOT PLANNED IN GOV TERRITORIAL WATERS. NOW DEPT ADVISED DR. JOHN EDMOND WOULD LIKE TO SAMPLE SURFACE WATERS IN GOV TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING 20-23 MAY. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO

APPROACH GOV TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE FOR THIS RESEARCH; HOWEVER, SIO DOES NOT CONSIDER THIS RESEARCH CRITICAL AND EMBASSY NEED NOT MAKE REQUEST IF CONCERNED GOV IRRITATION. SHIP'S TRACK WILL BE FORWARDED VIA AIRGRAM. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. ALL: WHILE NEEL AND RANDALL ARE IN RIO, EDMOND, HOCHACHKA AND CLARK WILL BE VISITING BOGOTA, LETICIA, AND BENJAMIN CONSTANT. ON 21 JAN, RANDALL, EDMOND, HOCHACHKA, AND CLARK ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET IN MANAUS TO DECIDE REMAINDER OF ITINERARY. INGERSOLL

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